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PRESS RELEASE

**VISIT TO BANGLADESH OF U.S. PRINCIPAL DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE TODD**

DHAKA, NOVEMBER 8, 2015 – The U.S. Department of State’s Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary (PDAS) for South and Central Asian Affairs William E. Todd and Director of South and Central Asian Affairs for Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh Clinton Brown visited Dhaka from November 4 to 6, returning to Bangladesh on November 8 for additional meetings. While in Dhaka, PDAS Todd met with high-level officials from the Government of Bangladesh and discussed Bangladesh’s bilateral relations with the United States, the security situation, and regional issues.

“Our countries both benefit when we cooperate, as we do on so many issues,” said PDAS Todd. “On pressing global concerns like climate change, women’s empowerment, and countering violent extremism, we share a vision and work toward common goals.”

Immediately prior to this assignment, PDAS Todd served as the U.S. Ambassador to Cambodia, where he focused on the advancement of democracy, human rights, regional stability, counterterrorism, and trade and investment. Before his appointment to Cambodia, he served as the Coordinating Director of Development and Economic Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul. PDAS Todd has held several other senior positions within the U.S. Government. He has been a career member of the Senior Service for more than 15 years.

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